

29 July 2015

If you would like to know more about any items in this newsletter please contact the officer shown (✉ address is the name shown with a stop between followed by @westsussex.gov.uk) or access the links via the [County Council's website](#). Significant decisions to be taken in the next four months are included in a [Forward Plan](#) of key decisions. If you would like to receive free e-mail alerts for the Forward Plan, please register via the [County Council's website](#).

Decisions Published in the Past Week

The following proposed decisions have been published during the past week and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period unless the call-in procedure is activated

Call-in Deadline	Decision-Maker	No.	Proposal	Officer Contact
31/07/15	Cabinet Member for Education and Skills	ES5(15/16)	Amendments to the Starting School Application Process	Laura Johnston 033022 22536
31/07/15	Cabinet Member for Finance	FIN7(15/16)	Members' Big Society Fund – Funding Allocations	Rosemary Pugh 033022 22548

Urgent Action

Members are asked to note the following urgent action taken by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy, in consultation with the Chairman of the County Council, the relevant Cabinet Member and Select Committee Chairman or the Chairman of a non-Executive or County Local Committee

Electoral Division	No.	Decision	Officer Contact
--------------------	-----	----------	-----------------

Adult Social Care and Health

The following matter contains exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated against the item

All ASCH4(15/16) **Approval to negotiate a new contract for the provision of a Meals on Wheels Service**

Contact: Suzanne T Thompson (033022 22551) ✉

Following a competitive procurement exercise for the provision of a meals on wheels service, the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy has used his delegated powers under Standing Order 61(3) to approve the entering into negotiations with a single provider on a variant bid to agree a contract for a Meals on Wheels service to commence on

Electoral Division	No.	Decision	Officer Contact
--------------------	-----	----------	-----------------

19 October 2015. He has also delegated authority to the Executive Director Care, Wellbeing and Education to award the contract to the provider if negotiations between the parties are successful.

This decision is a key decision and as such should have been included in the Forward Plan for July 2015. However, in order to ensure that a Meals on Wheels contract can commence on 19 October 2015, it was not possible to do so and the agreement of the Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee was obtained and notice was given to the public. The action will also be reported to the County Council in due course under Regulation 11 of the Local Government Act 2000.

Exempt: paragraph 3, Financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority)

Decisions Confirmed

The following decisions have been confirmed in the last week

Decision-Maker	No.	Decision	Officer Contact
Cabinet Member for Children – Start of Life	CH5(15/16)	Update to the Children Looked After and Care Leavers Strategy 2014-17	Laura Johnston 033022 22536
Cabinet Member for Finance	FIN4(15/16)	Sustainable Investment for Business Support: The Future of Grant and Support Programmes in West Sussex	Rosemary Pugh 033022 22548

Cabinet Member Portfolios

The Leader has given notice of a small change to Cabinet Member portfolios with effect from 23 July 2015.

Responsibility for the Coroner and the service supporting her has been moved from the portfolio for Residents' Services to that of Community Wellbeing. The list of functions for that portfolio has also had 'mortuaries' added to it. This is considered to align those functions more suitably with those already within the portfolio.

Committee News - Committee Meetings

Electoral Division	Item Subject	Committee Officer
--------------------	--------------	-------------------

Planning Committee (1 September)

✉
Matthew Evans
(033022 22538)

Please note that, in consultation with the Chairman, the next meeting of the Planning Committee due to be held on

Electoral Division	Item	Subject	Committee Officer
--------------------	------	---------	-------------------

Tuesday, 1 September 2015 has been cancelled as there are currently no applications which are ready for determination. The next meeting of the Planning Committee will take place on Tuesday, 29 September 2015.

South Mid Sussex County Local Committee (8 September)



Annalee Clayton
(033022 22523)

Please note that, with the agreement of the Chairman, the meeting of the South Mid Sussex County Local Committee scheduled for Tuesday, 8 September 2015 has been rescheduled to 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 30 September 2015. The meeting will be held at the Adastra Hall, Keymer Road, Hassocks, BN6 8QH.

Committee Decisions

Electoral Division	Item	Subject	Committee Officer
--------------------	------	---------	-------------------

[Environmental and Community Services](#) Select Committee (23 July)



Lisa Etchell
(033022 23597)

All 4 **Call-in**

The Select Committee at its meeting on 23 July 2015 considered the call in of the proposed decision by the Cabinet Member for Finance concerning the Sustainable Investment for Business Support: The Future of Grant and Support Programmes in West Sussex - decision published on the Executive Decision Database on 29 June and in the Members' Information Service on 1 July ([FIN4\(15/16\)](#) refers). The call-in was initiated by Mr M G Jones with the support of Mrs Mullins, Mr Lamb, Mr Oxlade, Mr Quinn, and Mrs Smith.

The Committee considered all the information and resolved following:

- (1) That the Committee supports the decision and welcomes the early involvement of members in light of the constraints of the EU process; and
- (2) That the Committee acknowledges that it retains the ability to evaluate any scheme, as and when appropriate.

The members present at the meeting were as follows:

Dr Dennis, Mr G L Jones, Mr M G Jones, Mr S J Oakley, Mrs Phillips, Mr J L Rogers, Mr Tyler (Chairman) and Mr Whittington

Weekly News

Electoral Division	No.	Subject	Officer Contact
--------------------	-----	---------	-----------------

Leader

All	1	European Structural Investment Funds - Comments sought on Proposed Project	 Ana Fajardo (033022 23835)
------------	---	---	---

Future use of Council funds to support economic growth

The report [FIN4\(15/16\)](#) allocates Council funds to provide match-funding for projects linked to local economic benefits and that draw down European funding. Details forming a draft business case for individual projects will be communicated to all members via the Members' Information Service to allow members to see how it is proposed that the funds should be deployed and to provide an opportunity for comment before any commitments are made. After comments have been received, a final business case on each individual project will be presented to the Economy Board made up of senior officers for consultation and advice and to the Leader as Cabinet Member for the Economy. A decision will then be taken by the Chief Operating Officer or the Director of the Economy, when in post, using delegated powers.

Current proposal for member comments

There is currently an opportunity to bid for European funding as part of the Coast to Capital European Structural and Investment Funds, which includes funding to deliver services that support businesses. There is evidence that businesses in the area face barriers to start up and to grow, including access to finance, access to new markets and leadership and management-related issues. The County Council is working with local partners on a project proposal to attract funding to enable the delivery of a business support service in the Coast to Capital area that tackles barriers and addresses business support needs. Detailed information is available for members only and has therefore been posted on the grants and funding section of the Members' Information Network which can be accessed via The Point. Comments are sought by **12 noon on Wednesday, 5 August 2015**.

Adult Social Care and Health

All	2	Postponement of the Care Act 2016/17 Reforms	 Rachel Potts (033022 23704)
------------	---	---	--

Alistair Burt, Minister of State for Community and Social Care, announced on 17 July 2015 that the second phase of the Care Act has been postponed until 2020. This includes:

- The cap on care costs
- The duty to meet the eligible needs of self-funders in residential care
- The extension of means tested support (e.g. increasing the threshold from £23,250 to £118,000 for those requiring residential care)

The following have also been postponed. However, these maybe introduced prior to 2020

- Direct payments for residential care

Electoral Division	No.	Subject	Officer Contact
--------------------	-----	---------	-----------------

- Independent Appeals

The Government has expressed its continued commitment to introduce the cap to protect people from catastrophic care costs, and as such the preparatory work already undertaken will not necessarily be wasted. The delay is intended to allow time to ensure that the introduction of the funding reforms is made within the context of a sustainable future for health and social care as a whole, and reflects the concerns about the affordability of the funding reforms in the current financial climate.

The County Council had begun to implement plans for introduction of the second phase of the Care Act and has commenced a review of these plans. Many of the existing plans may need to continue since they also supported the implementation of the 2015/16 Care Act reforms, which have already been introduced and are **not** affected by this announcement.

Communications

County Council Press Releases up to 24 July

20/07/15 - [New pipeline installation gets underway in East Grinstead](#)

A water company has reassured council officials that it is working hard to ensure the installation of a new £80,000 pipeline in Imberhorne Lane and London Road (A22), East Grinstead will impact as little as possible on the local community

20/07/15 - [Launch of Knit and Natter in Haywards Heath](#)

Do you like knitting, stitching or crocheting in company? Enjoy your hobby and meet new people at Haywards Heath Library when regular Knit and Natter sessions are launched on Tuesday, 11 August

21/07/15 - [New checklist to help people chose care](#)

The County Council is joining forces with GPs to hand out a checklist of information when they talk to people about choosing a care home or care in their own home

21/07/15 - [New state-of-the-art fire engine for Crawley](#)

Firefighting in Crawley has been boosted by the introduction of a new state-of-the-art fire engine to its fleet

22/07/15 - [Make sure you're a sun-sational recycler this summer](#)

Summer holidays in West Sussex can mean lots of lovely days out in the countryside or by the seaside. Whatever your plans, you can still play your part to help avoid creating a small mountain of rubbish by recycling much of your summer waste.

23/07/15 - [Buchan Country Park wins sixth Green Flag award](#)

Buchan Country Park, near Crawley, has been named as one of the best parks in Britain

23/07/15 - [New home care tenders awarded by West Sussex County Council](#)

The successful organisations that will provide home care services on behalf of the County Council have been chosen

23/07/15 - [Sussex firefighters launch new help programme for firesetters](#)

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service has teamed up with its East Sussex neighbours to launch a new programme of help for young firesetters and their families

24/07/15 - [Heavy rain expected](#)

Heavy rain is expected to fall in West Sussex on Friday (July 24). The Met Office is predicting rain and strong winds from 12 p.m. on Friday until Saturday morning and has issued a Yellow Warning for wind and rain.

For further information on or copies of the press releases listed please contact Eleanor Frost in the Communications Unit on (033022 22509) or ✉ eleanor.frost

Planning Applications registered in the week ending 24/07/15

COUNTY MATTER MINERALS AND WASTE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications submitted under the Town & Country Planning
(Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010

Application No Applicant Grid Ref	Proposal/Location	Date Registered	Provisional Decision Method	Local Member
WSCC/051/15/AL Lidsey Landfill Limited GR: 492885 103566	Variation of conditions 2, 3 and 24 of planning permission WSCC/010/11/AL to allow the continued importation of inert waste for restoration until 1 October 2017, a modified restoration scheme, and the retention of the site management compound respectively. At Lidsey Landfill Site, Lidsey Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO22 9PL	23/07/15	Delegated	Mr Whittington

COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSALS (REGULATION 3, 4 and 13)

Applications submitted under the Town & Country Planning
(Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010

Application No Applicant Grid Ref	Proposal/Location	Date Registered	Provisional Decision Method	Local Member
WSCC/049/15/LY Executive Director Residents' Services GR: 503007 104724	Outline application for the construction of a bypass to link the A284 Lyminster Road (in Lyminster village) to Toddington Nurseries just north of Littlehampton. At East of Lyminster village, and between	22/07/15	Delegated	Mr Peters

Application No Applicant Grid Ref	Proposal/Location	Date Registered	Provisional Decision Method	Local Member
	A284 Lyminster Road and Toddington Nurseries, Lyminster, Littlehampton, West Sussex			
WSCC/050/15/WB Executive Director Residents' Services GR: 513144 104228	Replacement of two canopies. At Thomas A Becket First School, Pelham Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 1JB	21/07/15	Delegated	Mr Smytherman

Comments on any of the above planning applications should be made by 19/08/15 to planning.applications@westsussex.gov.uk or if you require further information, please contact County Planning on (01243) 642118

STRATEGIC PLANNING BUSINESS UNIT - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The attached [report](#) (pdf file) contains all the planning applications received by the County Highways Team from the seven borough and district councils over the past week where comments on highways, ecology, landscaping and archaeology have been requested. An Excel spreadsheet of this report is also available on request via the following email address: SU.Local.Development@westsussex.gov.uk. If you have any further questions or would like to enquire about an application that does not appear on the list or one on which you would like to be updated, please contact Dominic Smith on 033022 25711.

Proposals for Traffic Regulation Orders and Traffic Management Matters

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

Location	Proposal	County Local Committee	Provisional Decision Method	Local Member(s)
Gatwick Service Roads/ Three Bridges	Extending double yellow lines on the junction areas leading to the service roads, and including a new 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. single yellow line restriction outside and opposite the immediate businesses.	East Crawley	Delegated	Mr Lamb

Comments on the above proposal should be made by 12/08/15 to highways@westsussex.gov.uk or if you require further information, please contact Nick De Sousa on 033022 26366

For further information about the Members' Information Service please contact Clare Jones on 033022 22526 or [✉ clare.jones](mailto:clare.jones)